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SUBJECT: IMCO: COUNCIL AND MSC EXPANSION

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1. GOC WILL BE REPRESENTED AT IMCO WORKING GROUP BY FERGUS

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MILLER (IMCO COORDINATOR, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT) AND TWO

OFFICIALS OF HIGH COMMISSION LONDON.

2. ARNOULD (DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY, EXTAFF) ADVISED TCO FEBRUARY 1 GOC REP SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH US APPROACH (AS OUTLINED IN PARAS. 4-7 REFTEL), BUT CANADA HAS ATTEMPTED TO BE A BIT MORE SPECIFIC IN ITS THINKING. IT SEES IMCO AS WORKING QUITE WELL UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS AND NO TECHNICAL NEED FOR CHANGE. HOWEVER, CHANGE IN CHARACTER OF UN BODIES APPEARS INEVITABLE AND IS POLITICALLY NOT RESISTABLE.

3. WITH RESPECT TO IMCO COUNCIL CANADA COULD ACCEPT ITS EXPANSION BY SIX OR SEVEN MEMBERS WITH LARGEST NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS CONCENTRATED IN CATEGORY C. IT SEES NO REASON FOR EXPANSION OF CATEGORY A AT ALL AND LIMITED NEED IF ANY FOR EXPANSION OF B. THREE ACCEPTABLE FORMULAS FOR EXPANSION OF CATEGORIES A, B, AND C HAVE BEEN DEVISED: (X) 0-2-4, (Y) 1-2-4, OR (Z) 0-0-6. LIKEWISE, CANADA CAN ACCEPT NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL OF SIMPLY EXPANDING CATEGORY C BY THREE MEMBERS.

4. REGARDING MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE CANADA WOULD PREFER ITS EXPANSION UNDER A FORMULA SIMILAR TO THOSE ABOVE, BUT DOUBTS THAT TIDE OF OPINION FAVORING AN OPENENDED BODY CAN BE CONTAINED. CANADA WOULD GO ALONG WITH THIS AND RECOGNIZE SIMPLY THAT IT WILL BE MUCH MORE DIFFICUL TO WORK ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS WITHIN SUCH A FRAMEWORK, BUT EFFORT WILL HAVE TO BE MADE.

5. ARNOULD SUGGESTED US REP AND MILLER MIGHT EXCHANGE MORE SPECIFIC VIEWS IN LONDON ON THIS QUESTION EARLY NEXT WEEK.
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